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REMARKS

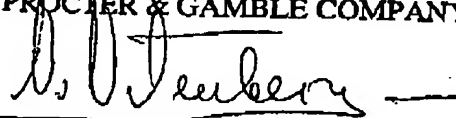
Claims 1-23 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldberg et al., (US 5,176,903) in further view of Berndt (US 5,626,856) and Putman et al., (US 5,902,571); *Final Office Action* dated 09/21/2004.

Applicants filed Notice of Appeal from the Examiner's Final Rejection to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 27, 2005. As of the date of filing this amendment, no Appeal Brief has yet being filed.

By the present amendment, claims 19-23 are canceled without prejudice, in accordance with 37 CFR 41.33 (Amendments after Appeal).

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